

REMARKS

With the cancellation of claim 28, claims 16 to 27, 29 and 30 are now pending in the present application.

In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 27 was objected to because of informalities. In response, this claim has been amended as suggested. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 28 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 16. In response, claim 28 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Amendments to claims 16, 27 and 29 to add the phrase "wherein the first sublayer has a portion with a thickness greater than the second sublayer" were agreed upon in a July 22, 2008 telephone interview with the Examiner. These claims have been amended as agreed upon.

Accordingly, claims 16 to 27, 29 and 30 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 16 to 27, 29 and 30 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

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